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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated
September 7, 2006. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this
paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.